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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BOUMEDIENE IN CAIRO FOR AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT

1. ON MARCH 6, BOUMEDIENE FLEW TO CAIRO TO ATTEND AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT. HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTER BENYAHIA AND THREE HIGH PRESIDENCY OFFICIALS ACCOMPANIED HIM ON JOURNEY. PRESS HAS BEEN STRESSING BOUMEDIENE'S ATTACHMENT TO CONCEPT OF AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY AND CITING IN PARTICULAR HIS REMARKS ON SUBJECT ON 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF OAU IN MAY 1973 AND AT ARAB SUMMIT IN ALGIERS IN NOVEMBER OF THAT YEAR.

2. MEDIA SILENCE ON SAHARA AT SUMMIT CONTINUES AND FON MIN OFFICIAL TELLS US ALGERIANS NOT INTERESTED IN EVEN DISCUSSING IT AT CAIRO AND CERTAINLY NOT READY FOR ANY SETTLEMENT. REASON, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL, IS SAHRAOUI NOT PRESENT AT CONFERENCE. OFFICIAL NOTES THAT ARABS, "NOT HAVING EXPERIENCED DECOLONIZATION", ARE MORE NEGATIVE ON SAHARA QUESTION THAN AFRICANS, AND MOROCCANS, THEREFORE MAY ATTEMPT TO RAISE ISSUE AT
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CAIRO. ALGERIANS, OFFICIAL ASSERTS, WILL RESPOND TO ANY SAHARA INITIATIVES WITH WELL-WORN COMMENT THAT DIFFICULTIES ARE BETWEEN MOROCCANS AND SAHRAOUI, NOT ALGERIANS AND MOROCCANS. AS FAR AS ALGERIANS ARE CONCERNED, HE SAID, NEXT STEP ON SAHARA IS APRIL SPECIAL SUMMIT.

3. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE
CONSISTENTLY TAKEN HARD LINE ON SAHARA, AND WE WOULD
NOT ENTIRELY EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF MOVEMENT ON ISSUE AT
CAIRO. AT MOMENT, HOWEVER, CHANCES APPEAR REMOTE.LYNE

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